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Hooperman is an American **comedy-drama** television series which aired on **ABC** from September 23, 1987, to July 19, 1989. The show centered on the professional and personal life of **San Francisco** police Inspector Harry Hooperman, played by **John Ritter**. The series was created by **Steven Bochco** and **Terry Louise Fisher**, who were the team responsible for creating ***L.A. Law***. Though not the first comedy drama, *Hooperman* was considered the vanguard of a new television genre when it premiered, and critics coined the term "**dramedy**" to describe it.^{[1][2][3]}

Synopsis [\[edit \]](#)

Ritter plays San Francisco police Inspector Harry Hooperman. In the first episode, Hooperman inherits the rundown apartment building he lives in when his elderly landlady is killed in a robbery. He also inherits her temperamental pet **Jack Russell terrier** named Bijoux. Due to the demands of his job as a police officer, he hires Susan Smith (played by **Debrah Farentino**) to be the building manager, and the pair become romantically involved throughout the first season.

Also starring on the show was [Alix Elias](#) as the cheerful and bubbly police dispatcher, [Betty Bushkin](#); [Barbara Bosson](#) was Hooperman's divorced superior, Capt. Celeste "C.Z." Stern; [Felton Perry](#) as Harry's partner, Inspector Clarence McNeil; [Clarence Felder](#) as redneck inspector Boris "Boba" Pritzger; [Joseph Gian](#) as Rick Silardi, a gay cop, and [Sydney Walsh](#) as officer Maureen "Mo" DeMott, his patrol partner who was intent on "saving" him from being gay by making unwanted passes. [Dan Lauria](#) played Celeste's former husband, Lou Stern.

The theme music was composed by [Mike Post](#).

Guest stars in the series' 42-episode run included: [Don Cheadle](#), [Kim Delaney](#), [Dennis Dugan](#), [Norman Fell](#) (who worked with Ritter on *The Stone Killer* and *Three's Company*), [Miguel Ferrer](#), [Jack Giflord](#), [Mark Hamill](#), [Joanna Kerns](#) (who did a guest spot on *Three's Company*), [Richard Kind](#), [Dan Lauria](#), [Jane Leeves](#), [Lorna Luft](#), [David Paymer](#), [Barbara Rush](#), and [Shannon Tweed](#).

Except for a brief syndicated run on the [FX Network](#) in the mid 1990s, and the pilot rebroadcast on [TV Land](#) in 2003 following Ritter's death, the series has not aired since then.

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Season 1 (1987–88) [\[edit \]](#)

No. overall	No. in season	Title	Directed by	Written by	Original air date
1	1	"Hooperman"	Gregory Hoblit	Steven Bochco & Terry Louise Fisher	September 23, 1987
2	2	"The Answer My Friend Is Passing in the Wind"	Gregory Hoblit	Steven Bochco & Terry Louise Fisher	September 30, 1987
3	3	"Don We Now Our Gay Apparel"	Rick Wallace	Steven Bochco & Terry Louise Fisher	October 7, 1987
4	4	"Aria da Capo"	John Patterson	Story by: Steven Bochco Teleplay by: Leon Tokatyan	October 14, 1987
5	5	"John Doe, We Hardly Knew Ye"	John Patterson	Story by: Lydia Woodward Teleplay by: Rick Kellard	October 28, 1987
6	6	"The Shooting"	Nick Havinga	Story by: Steven Bochco & Amy K. Milkovich & Ed Milkovich Teleplay by: Leon Tokatyan	November 4, 1987
7	7	"Hot Wired"	Michael Zinberg	Story by: Steven Bochco & Rick Kellard Teleplay by: Rick Kellard	November 18, 1987
8	8	"Baby Talk"	Anson Williams	Steven Hollander	November 25, 1987
9	9	"Blues for Danny Welles"	Kim Friedman	Story by: Robert Rabinowitz & Steven Bochco & Rick Kellard Teleplay by: Rick Kellard	December 2, 1987
10	10	"I, Witness"	Kim Friedman	Story by: Ross Hirshorn Teleplay by: Leon Tokatyan & Rick Kellard	December 9, 1987
11	11	"Deck the Cell with Bars of Folly"	Peter Werner	Story by: Steven Bochco Teleplay by: Peter Nasco	December 23, 1987
12	12	"The Naked and the Dead"	Paul Lynch	Story by: Steven Bochco & Gina Goldman Teleplay by: Gina Goldman	January 6, 1988
13	13	"The Snitch"	Rick Wallace	Terry Hart	January 13, 1988
14	14	"Chariots of Fire"	Michael Zinberg	James Kramer	January 20, 1988
15	15	"High Noon"	Kim Friedman	Steven Hollander	February 3, 1988
16	16	"Blaste from the Past"	Anson Williams	Phil Kellard & Tom Moore	February 10, 1988
17	17	"Tomato Can"	John Patterson	John Schulan	March 9, 1988
18	18	"Me and Mr. Magoo"	Carl Gottlieb	Rick Kellard	March 16, 1988
19	19	"Baby on Board"	Bethany Rooney	Gina Wendkos	April 6, 1988
20	20	"Trudy and Clyde"	Michael Zinberg	Story by: Rick Kellard & Steven Hollander Teleplay by: Phil Kellard & Tom Moore	April 13, 1988
21	21	"Nick Derringer, P.I."	Michael Zinberg	Steven Bochco & Rick Kellard	May 4, 1988

22	22	"Surprise Party"	John Patterson	<i>Story by:</i> Steven Bochco & Phil Kellard & Tom Moore <i>Teleplay by:</i> Gary Rosen	May 18, 1988
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Season 2 (1988–89) [edit]

No. overall	No. in season	Title	Directed by	Written by	Original air date	Viewers (millions)
23	1	"Requiem for an S.O.B."	Win Phelps	Rick Kellard	November 30, 1988	21.7 ^[4]
24	2	"We'll Always Have Paris"	Alan J. Levi	<i>Story by:</i> Rick Kellard & Michael Wagner <i>Teleplay by:</i> Phil Kellard & Tom Moore & Jill Gordon	December 7, 1988	18.2 ^[5]
25	3	"Who Do You Truss?"	Alan J. Levi	Phil Kellard & Tom Moore	December 14, 1988	19.8 ^[6]
26	4	"In Search of Bijoux"	Anson Williams	Jill Gordon	December 21, 1988	20.8 ^[7]
27	5	"Look Homeward, Dirtbag"	Rob Cohen	<i>Story by:</i> Jill Gordon & Michael Wagner <i>Teleplay by:</i> Douglas Steinberg & Rick Kellard & Michael Wagner	January 11, 1989	14.2 ^[8]
28	6	"Nightmare in Apartment One"	Jeff Melman	Phil Kellard & Tom Moore	January 18, 1989	19.2 ^[9]
29	7	"Hooperman Goes to Hell in a Handcart"	Ron Lagomarsino	Michael Wagner	January 25, 1989	14.0 ^[10]
30	8	"Rashomanny"	Ron Lagomarsino	R.W. Goodwin	February 1, 1989	17.9 ^[11]
31	9	"In the Still of My Pants"	Betty Thomas	Jill Gordon	February 8, 1989	16.3 ^[12]
32	10	"The Dating Game"	Neema Barnette	Sam Greenbaum	February 15, 1989	16.9 ^[13]
33	11	"Intolerance"	Eric Laneuville	Michael Wagner	February 22, 1989	13.9 ^[14]
34	12	"The Nun and I"	Roy Campanella II	Vic Rauseo & Linda Morris	March 1, 1989	16.6 ^[15]
35	13	"The Sure Thing"	Bethany Rooney	<i>Story by:</i> Phil Kellard & Tom Moore & Rick Kellard <i>Teleplay by:</i> Jill Gordon	March 15, 1989	14.7 ^[16]
36	14	"The Long So Long"	Jeffrey D. Brown	Bob Dolan Smith	March 22, 1989	15.7 ^[17]
37	15	"Stakeout"	Max Tash	Jill Gordon	June 14, 1989	9.2 ^[18]
38	16	"Dog Day Afternoon, Morning and Night"	Betty Thomas	Jill Gordon & Phil Kellard & Tom Moore & Michael Wagner	June 21, 1989	10.9 ^[19]
39	17	"Love Bytes"	Arlene Sanford	Phil Kellard & Tom Moore	June 28, 1989	10.8 ^[20]
40	18	"Take My Building, Please"	Roy Campanella II	Rick Kellard	July 5, 1989	10.0 ^[21]
41	19	"Some of That Jazz"	Arlene Sanford	Glen Merzer	July 12, 1989	10.7 ^[22]
42	20	"Goodnight, Sweet Hooperman"	Betty Thomas	Michael Wagner	July 19, 1989	10.6 ^[23]

Home media [edit]

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